Editorial

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We are very excited to share some good news with our readers. This issue marks a new era for the *Security Journal*. Among the news is that the journal has a new publisher, Palgrave Macmillan. Working with the Palgrave Macmillan staff provides several opportunities for change – all of which we believe are positive changes that will continue to improve the quality and reputation of the *Security Journal*.

There are some changes that readers will immediately see. These include a different page size bounded by a new cover design. There will also be a new formatting, the Harvard style, for the presentation of the articles.

On our US staff, we have a new Assistant Editor, Professor Robert Stokes, at Virginia Commonwealth University, and a new Book Reviews Editor, Professor Rob D'Ovidio, at Drexel University. To better serve our readers, we also welcome some new Board members as we wanted to incorporate more of the leading scholars active in researching and publishing in the area of security management studies. With the addition of Professor Paul Brantingham (Simon Fraser University, Canada), Professor Graham Farrell (Loughborough University, U.K.), Professor Peter Grabosky (The Australian National University, Australia), Professor Bob Hoogenboom (Universiteit Nyenrode, The Netherlands), Professor Gary La-Free (University of Maryland, U.S.A.), Dr. Nancy LaVigne (The Urban Institute, U.S.A.), Dr. Tim Pascoe (Perpetuity Research and Consultancy International, U.K.), Clifton Smith (Edith Cowan University, Australia) and Dr. Alison Wakefield (London City University, U.K.), we have not only added those who are doing cutting-edge security research but we have also incorporated representatives from a large part of the world and diversity security interests on our Board.

There are also some things that have not changed. We would like to reiterate our commitment to publishing the very best security research anywhere in the world. Indeed, we are committed to ensuring that the *Security Journal* remains the single most influential publication in the security field. Working with the Palgrave Macmillan staff and our new editorial staff, we are confident we will continue to do so.

We have some noteworthy papers scheduled for publication this year and next year. We have commissioned a Special Issue for 2006, to be edited by Dr. Read Hayes, on the link between research and developing evidence-based solutions. Professor Edward Borodzicz is currently working with contributors on a Special Issue for 2007 linking risk and security. We have also reviewed and accepted papers on a range of cutting-edge issues and more are currently under review and routinely solicited. If you are a researcher interested in publishing in the *Security Journal* please do contact one of us. We are happy to discuss papers or ideas and work with you to develop a publishable paper. Indeed, we would welcome that opportunity.

There is no doubt that modern security is adapting to an ever-changing world (including cyberspace). The increasing terrorist threat and the need for strategic prevention and

prepared responses, the advances in technology and the growing commitment to regulating security activities are just some of the drivers for change. What emerges in the future will depend on the quality of public and scholarly debate around these issues, and the ability of researchers active in the security world to contribute new ideas, offer sound explanations and perform rigorous evaluations. This is where the *Security Journal* can provide an internationally respected forum where we as editors, writers and/or reviewers can make a difference in the future of the security field.

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